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1. PRESSURE IS MOUNTING FOR PROMPT RESOLUTION OF NAMSA
MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS. SYG LUNS CONTINUES TO SUGGEST
SIMPLIST WAY TO RESOLVE GENERAL MANAGER IMPASSE IS TO
OFFER BOARD CHAIRMAN JOB TO ITALY WHICH WILL
ENSURE ITALIAN AGREEMENT FOR PREFERRED GERMAN
CANDIDATE AS GENERAL MANAGER (REFS B & D).

2. AMBASSADOR BENNETT HAS STOUTLY DEFENDED US RIGHT TO
NOMINATE BOARD CHAIRMAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A (PAR-
TICULARLY NOW THAT POSITION IS FUNDED ON REEMBURSEABLE
BASIS) AND RESISTED ANY LINKAGE OF GENERAL MANAGER
AND BOARD CHARIMAN POSITIONS (REFS B & D).

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3. WE ARE CURRENTLY UNAWARE OF PROGRESS TOWARD SELECTING
A US CANDIDATE FOLLOWING OUR PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE REF C,
AND HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT NO ADVERTISEMENT OF THE
POSITION HAS YET TAKEN PLACE. CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS
IS END APRIL. IN THE EVENT A US CANDIDATE IS NOT NOMINATED,
WE FORSEE THIS FACT ITSELF AS KEY TO ENABLING THE SYG TO

ARRANGE THE QUID PRO QUO LINKAGE DESPITE US DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH ACTION. FURTHER, LACK OF SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE CONTROLLER CANDIDACY MAY BE LINKED IN SYG'S MIND TO THE NAMSA IMPASSE.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THERE MAY BE AT LEAST THREE VIABLE CANDIDATES AVAILABLE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE: MR. D. CUFFE, MR. K. CAMPBELL AND MR. S. BECK, EACH OF WHOM HAS A REASONABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS IF NOMINATED. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, URGE THAT IF US NOMINATES IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT IF OUR NOMINEE DOES NOT HAVE THE VOTES WE WILL NOT FORCE THE ISSUE OR TRY TO WORK A "DEAL". WHAT WE NEED NOW IS AN EARLY DECISION ON WHETHER AND/OR WHOM WE WILL WANT TO NOMINATE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND TO AVOID EMBARRASSING AMBASSADOR FURTHER IN HIS DAILY RELATIONS WITH SYG AND OTHER PERMREPS, WE MUST HAVE A FIRM COMMITMENT EITHER TO NOMINATE A US CANDIDATE OR TO ADVISE THAT WE WILL NOT NOMINATE BY NLT COB 31 MAR.BENNETT

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